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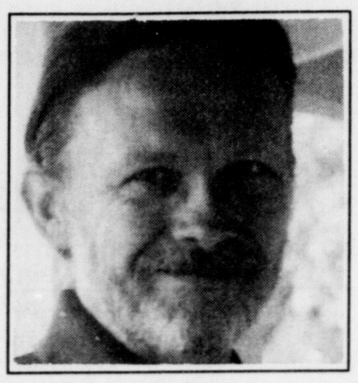
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Who's running?

To introduce you to each of the seven people running for three available seats on the Washington Unified School District ballot this November, we asked each of them to provide a statement of no more than 50 words expressing their priorities in office if elected.

Here are their responses.

RAYMOND CUSHING
Writer



Compulsory homework is an unconstitutional intrusion by the state into the home. It's theft of time – family time, personal time and relaxation time. Fifty minutes of class time daily is sufficient to teach any subject. Grades should be based on test scores, not compulsory homework. Visit my web site – www.NoHomework.freeservers.com.

LEWIS E. DYMOND, Jr.
Programmer/Analyst



I see many challenges facing WUSD, including the need for improved facilities, the rights of parents and students to have clean, safe schools, and more stringent educational standards imposed by the state. My focus will be on working with the community to find and implement creative, cost-effective solutions.

EVELYN 'IRENE' EKLUND
Incumbent/Inventory Analyst



I believe public education has just begun to see the accountability placed on them by the state. Parents/Taxpayers want progress for huge tax dollars being placed into public schools. Parents will turn to vouchers and charter schools if progress stops. No excuses, test scores and literacy must continue to improve.

PATRICIA 'PAT' FLINT
Incumbent



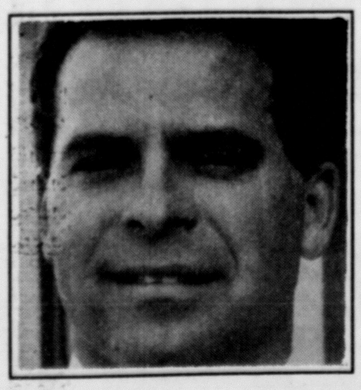
Update board policy. Create an environment/programs that are conducive to successful student learning. Bring all students up to grade level or above, especially in reading. Raise test scores. Spend money prudently. Stress the importance of education to our students and community. Demand accountability! Work together with the board.

RONNA KEPHART
Criminal Intelligence Specialist



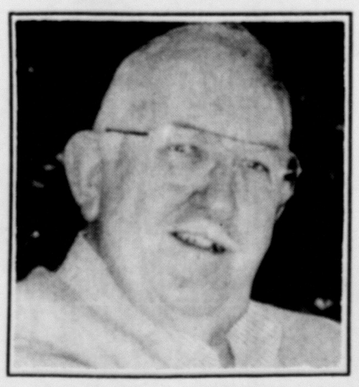
One of my priorities will be to bring students, the district and community together in an effort to support and create programs that will raise the educational level for all students. No more excuses of blaming poverty, family problems, large class sizes, as the primary cause for low academic achievement.

KARL MACHSCHEFES
Public School Teacher



We can accomplish many things. Reduce class sizes in grades 4th through 6th; continue the push for higher standards; plan for our entire district. We need a vision of the future. Classroom experience, cooperation, and new ideas are needed.

B.G. 'BUZ' SCHEURER
Retired Tax Consultant



1. Develop plans to meet the impact of growth on WUSD.
2. Adopt a program to involve Board, Administrators, and Teachers in setting goals for student achievement on a continuing basis. Develop a team approach to educational goal setting.
3. Select a vigorous, innovative, energetic and experienced Superintendent.

Skateboard park concept to be subject of public meeting

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Interested in seeing a new skateboard park in West Sacramento?

You might want to show up for a meeting Thursday at 4 p.m. at the local library, where city officials will listen to local views on the proposal.

The project is gaining momentum after members of the city's youth commission brought it to their elders' attention.

"When the youth commission and city council held a joint meeting, the commission made a very persuasive pitch for a skateboard park," said Mayor Christopher Cabaldon. "I indicated I'd be supportive. In response to these comments, I got a fair number of letters and signatures from teens and other citizens interested in making it a reality."

Cabaldon said a skateboard park "would serve teens who, to a large extent, aren't well served by 'organized' youth activities." He also sees this project "as a way for teenage youth in our city to connect with city life and with the democratic process – which is just as important as the skateboard park project itself."

The mayor added that his fellow council members also expressed interest in a West Sacramento skateboard park, although he didn't think the city would be the "sole financer" of such a park. Private funding -- including money from skateboard-related businesses – might help.

The park could range from "temporary structures (including ramps) on a piece of land" for about $20-30,000, to a "property with a concrete skateboard structure" costing much more, he said.

A bill passed by the state legislature protects cities from most liability involved with owning a skateboard park, making the current project feasible, Cabaldon also stated.

Anyone planning to attend tomorrow's meeting is asked to RSVP to (916) 552-2056, so its organizers can plan for the number of attendees.

Counseling center evicted for non-payment of rent

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

The East Yolo Information Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse is homeless, the non-profit organization reported last week.

The organization was unable to pay rent overdue at its Merkley Ave. offices. The organization, run by volunteer Helena Helmold, was founded "to provide information and referral to people who want to end their substance abuse," according to a press release.

The Center's mission includes counseling in drug abuse, anger management and domestic abuse, all offered on a sliding scale. Most pay nothing, said a spokesperson.

"Without these services," said Helmold, "many of our clients would do without. The closest place for public-funded counseling is Woodland, 30 minutes away. Most of our clients can't pay for private therapy."

Helmold said her agency will look for another office following their eviction.

"We hope to find a new home soon," she said. "A city the size of West Sacramento, with aspirations of growing larger, needs to provide local community services that help our families in need."

Helmold can be reached at 372-3360.

4-H Club Update:

University rep says West Sac 4-H Club can't dissolve itself

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Some local 4-H Club members, and the club's regional supervisor, say that the West Sacramento 4-H chapter has not disbanded – as was reported here earlier.

A university investigation had found the club's leadership guilty of discriminating against some members, resulting in the club officers' vote to dissolve it.

Adult club leader Linda Davis – who denied the discrimination charges – told the *News-Ledger* last month that the club's officers voted to disband the 70-member local chapter rather than submit to what they felt were unfair new restrictions placed on club leadership in the wake of the investigation.

The investigators recommended that two new leaders be appointed with approval from regional authorities, that leaders receive sensitivity training, and that communications and activities in the local chapter be closely monitored by outside supervisors.

But Lawrence Clement, who supervises area 4-H Clubs on behalf of the University of California, said neither Davis nor the club's officers had the power to disband the club.

"As far as the University of California and the 4-H program go, the club is not disbanded," said Clement. "The leadership is appointed and doesn't have the authority to disband the club. They can resign, but not disband. The club is open for enrollment."

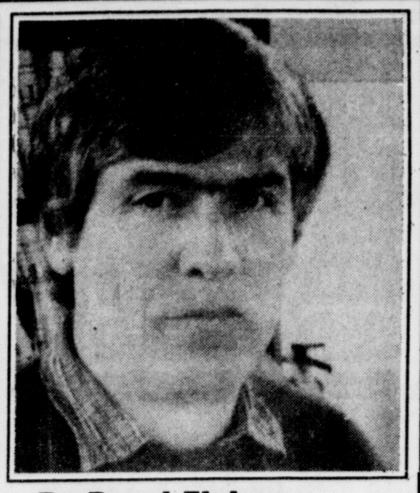
Local parent Bob Orndoff, too, said the local chapter "is accepting sign-ups and is not disbanded."

Neither Clement nor Orndoff were able to provide the *News-Ledger* with the name or phone

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My kids reluctantly agree to go on family vacation

My Back Pages



By Daryl Fisher

When you have as many kids as I do (four), and when they range in ages from 14 to 25 as mine do, it becomes almost impossible to organize a summertime family vacation everyone can participate in. They all have a million things going on at different times and there never seems to be a full week or two when everyone is completely free from jobs, summer school, and numerous other activities, relationships and responsibilities.

This year, however, suddenly realizing that it won't be all that long before all of my children are completely scattered to the winds, my wife and I decided that come hell or high water, the Fishers were going to have a family vacation in the year 2000.

After a great deal of moaning and groaning on everyone's part, our four children finally agreed that although none of them were willing to spend a whole week away from their real lives, if I absolutely insisted, they would leave their computers and cell phones behind and give it a try for one August weekend.

Having determined that there actually was going to be a family vacation, the next order of business was to come to some kind of agreement on what kind of vacation it would be.

"How about camping in the redwoods?" I quickly suggested.

"But I thought you said after spending a whole year camping out in Vietnam, you never ever wanted to go camping again," said one of my sons.

"They don't try to ambush you in the redwoods," I explained.

"No way am I going camping!" interjected my daughter. "Wherever we go, I want to sleep on a soft bed, not the hard ground. And it would be nice if there were good restaurants and a hot shower nearby, too."

"How about if we go to the ocean," suggested another one of my sons.

"Now that's a good idea," said my wife, always longing to get away from the hot, smoggy summertime air of the Sacramento Valley.

"But I want to go to the redwoods like dad," said my youngest son, who has been making giant leaps forward lately in becoming one of my favorite kids.

Sensing that a compromise was in order, my wife suggested that we do both. "We'll stay in a nice hotel or motel on the ocean above Fort Bragg," she explained, "and then take a day trip to the redwoods, which I think are only an hour or two away."

The destination decided, it was time to get down to specifics.

"But if we go on all those curvy roads you have to take to get to Fort Bragg," my oldest son reminded everyone as he pointed to my youngest son, "you know who is going to start barfing all over the place."

"I'll just take a barf bucket with me like I always do when I go on a long ride in a car," bravely said my youngest son.

"Wait," said my wife, suddenly digging through her purse. "I knew that wherever we went, the roads would probably be winding, so I bought some motion sickness pills. Maybe that'll help? We've never tried those before."

"What are the side effects of taking motion sickness pills?" I inquired.

"Well," said my wife after she located a bottle of pills and began reading the label, "outside of a possible little problem with urination, it says here that they're perfectly safe."

"A possible problem with urination?" asked my obviously worried youngest son, his voice going up a whole octave. "I don't want no urination problems! No thank you! If it's all the same with you guys, I'll just barf in the bucket like I always do."

And so he did, but after a wonderfully relaxing day and evening on the ocean, everyone (including the girlfriend of one of my sons who also came along for the heck of it) seemed to be having a good time. Running around in the redwoods turned out to be great fun, too, and just before it was time to drive home, I decided to surprise everyone with a group horse ride I had secretly arranged.

"We're going to do what?" asked my surprised wife as I drove the car into the stables area of a popular horse riding ranch just north of Fort Bragg. "Don't tell me we're going to have to get on one of those dusty, smelly animals."

"It'll be fun," I assured her, and she actually turned out to be a pretty good horsewoman, as did my daughter and oldest son.

My poor youngest son, however, only recently recovered from yet another visit to the barf bucket, ended up getting the most cantankerous pony on the ranch and almost got bucked off a couple of times (his horse also kept upsetting the other horses by biting them on the butt).

On the way home, I decided to ask everyone to name their favorite part of the 2000 Fisher family vacation.

"I loved the beautiful ocean beaches," said my daughter, an opinion which was quickly seconded by her mother.

"I liked that Indian gambling casino we stopped at," said my oldest son, who along with his girlfriend, were the only ones who won any money.

"Well," I said, "the redwoods were definitely my favorite part. When you look up at one of those beautiful giant trees that have been here forever, it kinda makes you feel like God is in his heaven and all is well."

Then I looked over at my youngest son, barf bucket still at the ready as he rode shotgun on the way home, and asked him what his favorite part of the family vacation had been.

"Going home!"

Note: To date, the Grace K. Ohlson Scholarship Fund has received 64 donations for a total of $5,190. The goal is to raise a $10,000 endowment, with the interest earnings being used to support a $500 annual scholarship for Washington Unified School District graduates who plan on attending a college in the Los Rios Community College system. Anyone who would like to make a contribution to the fund can do so by making a check payable to the Grace K. Ohlson Scholarship Fund, c/o the *News-Ledger*, PO Box 463, West Sacramento, CA 05691.

For more information about the fund, please feel free to call Daryl or Steve at the *News-Ledger*, 371-8030. And thanks to all of you who have already contributed!

Guest Commentary:

Selling the soul of Southport

By John Lucas

As long as I can remember there has been farming in Southport. But currently there is a new kind of crop being grown. There is a building boom going on in Southport at a rate that would tire even the most industrious beaver. So much dirt gets moved in a day that the gophers are surely green with envy.

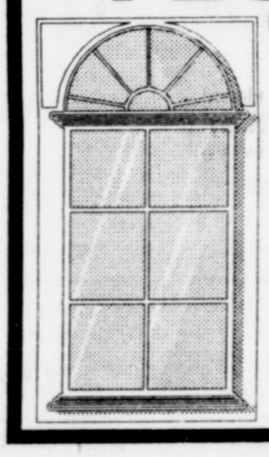
It seems as though the landscape in Southport is changing by the hour. The houses are growing at a rate that surpasses all of the crops that surround them. A few months ago, what were once fields and ditches are now paved streets and sidewalks, driveways and houses. There are warehouses being built that are so large that they could be mistaken for airplane hangars or sports arenas.

The seeds that were planted to grow this new crop of developments were planted several years ago, and they have been watered and fertilized and tended by the developers (house farmers) and our city council and its staff ever since. The seeds are the approval of the developer plans and the fertilizer is the money which will be made. The general plan determines what can be grown and where, and the crops are being sold as fast as they can be grown.

For me, Southport is a place of many memories. Riding my motorcycle at Honda Hills; shooting my first pheasant in the field next to Linden Road near Our Lady of Grace School; and the summer we rode horses to Bees Lake and the rope swing

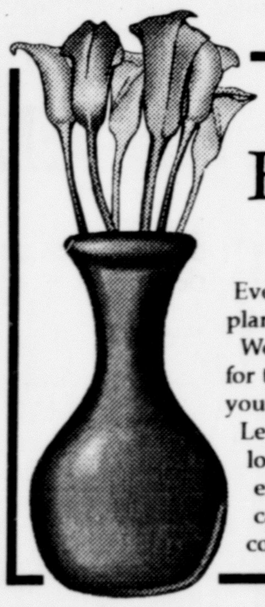
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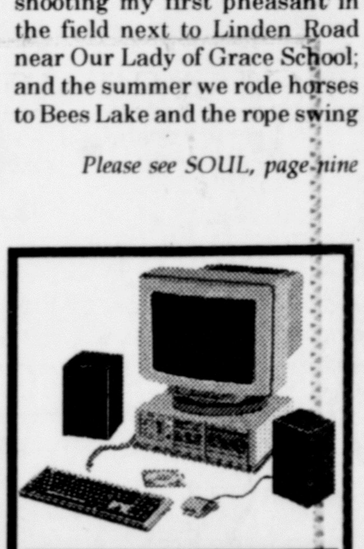


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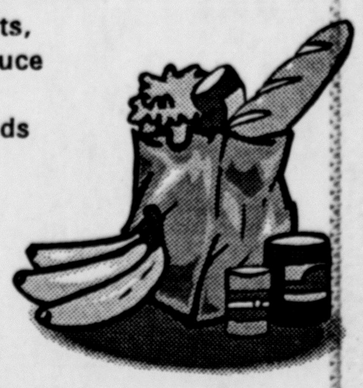
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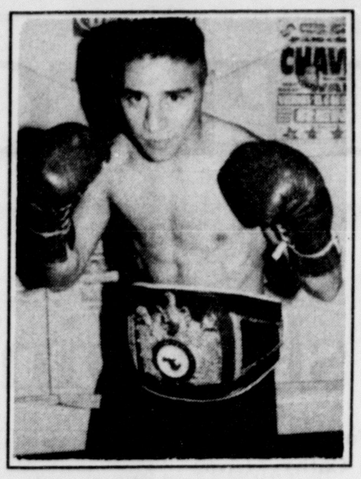
Jorrin on a quest to bring World Boxing title to West Sac

From Richard Novoa

Willie Jorrin (26-0, 12 KO's) is attempting to be the first professional fighter from West Sacramento to win a World Boxing Championship.

West Sacramento's Joey Lopes fought twice for a World Title. Lopes fought for a World Title in Chicago on Dec. 4th 1957 losing on a 11th round TKO to Joey Brown. West Sacramento's favorite son lost his second attempt at bringing home a World Championship, losing a 15 round decision to Flash Elorde March 19th 1961 in Manila .

Jorrin is in Manchester, England preparing for his Sept. 9th World Title fight. The vacant title belonged to Erik Morales, who moved up in weight division. Jorrin, the WBC No. 2 ranked fighter will battle the No. 1 contender, Michael Brodie (28-0, 19 KO').



WILLIE JORRIN
(Photo by Barry Blacklaw)

River Cats set attendance record

With a capacity crowd of 15,146 last Thursday night, the Sacramento River Cats set a new Pacific Coast League single-season attendance record of 861,808. The River Cats surpassed the previous record 859,823 fans, which was set by the Memphis Redbirds earlier that week.

"The fans in the entire Sacramento region have been tremendous all season, and the attendance record is a much-deserved pat on the back from them," said River Cats President & CEO Art Savage. "We drew more fans this season than any team in the 98-year history of the Pacific Coast League. The fans of Sacramento put the River Cats on the map this year, and each fan that passed through the gates at Raley Field this season contributed to make our first season a magical one."

The River Cats drew more fans this season than any team in Minor League Baseball. The team averaged 12,213 fans in 70 dates, including three dates in Oakland that drew a total of 6,007 fans.



STEVE DECKER of the 'Cats steams into third base.
(Photo by Barry Blacklaw)

Prior to this season, the PCL's attendance record was 713,224, set by the Salt Lake Buzz in 1994. The River Cats surpassed that mark by 148,584 fans, and they finished the season with 1995 more fans than the Memphis club had in their new ballpark, Autozone Park.

The River Cats will play at least two more games at Raley Field this season, as they will host Salt Lake in the first two games of the PCL's Pacific Conference Playoffs tonight and tomorrow night. Tickets are still available for both dates at the Raley Field Ticket Office or via the internet at www.tickets.com. Fans can also purchase playoff tickets by phone at 766-2277 or 800-225-2277.

In other River Cats news, the team announced they will play the Oakland Athletics in a March 29, 2001 game at Raley Field.

Oakland A's General Manager Billy Beane said, "This game will be played at a crucial time during spring training when players are fighting for final roster spots and we expect a very competitive game."

This will be the first opportunity to see a major league team in the Sacramento region since 1975 when the Milwaukee Brewers played a game at Hughes Stadium.

Sports Insider

By Richard Novoa

The San Francisco Giants (80-56) are on fire and now lead the West over Arizona by 5 ½ games. The Giants are 26-5 in their last 31 games at Pac Bell Park. The Giants rank second in the league in home field hitting and fifth in runs and homers. The pitchers are enjoying the home field advantage posting a major league leading 3.13 ERA at home. The Giants pitching staff has posted a league leading 13 shut outs and lead the league with a 4.19 ERA.

Another reason for the Giants success is their solid infield. The team's defense, which ranks No. 2 in the N.L., is lead by third baseman Bill Muellar, who is the top-ranked fielding third baseman in the N.L. Second baseman Jeff Kent is having a monster year and Rich Aurilia leads all N.L. shortstops with 17 home runs.

The Giants are at home this week hosting the Phillies and the San Diego Padres in a four game weekend series.

The Oakland A's (72-64), who are still in the hunt for the West Division title, received a tremendous pitching effort from Barry Zito to pull them within two games of the Mariners. Zito out dueled the Blue Jays 19-game winner David Wells. He held the powerful hitting Blue Jays to two hits in six innings in a 10-0 victory over Toronto. Zito's catcher for his first shutout victory was ex-River Cat A.J. Hinch, who went 2-5 in his first start with the A's. The A's are on the road in Boston but return to Oakland to host Tampa Bay is a four game series this weekend. It's very rare but both the A's and Giants are at home this weekend!

Speaking of home, the River Cats will at Raley Field warming up for their first playoff game against the Salt Lake Buzz on Wednesday, September 6th (6:30 p.m.). The Gatos will send Jon Ratliff to mound in the opener, with Ariel Prieto scheduled for game 2 on Thursday. Justin Miller and Scott Sanders are likely to start Games 3 and 4, if necessary, of the best of five series, both in Salt Lake City. The River Cats, the Pacific Coast League Southern Division champions, finished the season 90-54 and 16 ½ games in front of the second place Las Vegas Stars. Tickets are going fast so stop by the Raley Field Ticket Office or call (916) 766-2277.

The 49ers started their season with a 36-28 loss to the Atlanta Falcons while the Raiders won out slugging the Chargers 9-6. Niners quarterback, Jeff Garcia, had a great day completing 23 of 36 passes for 253 yards and 3 touchdowns but his only interception of the day was returned for touchdown and that was the margin of victory. The 49ers (-3) home opener is next Sunday against the Carolina Panthers (1 p.m.). Can you believe it the Niners are 3-point underdogs in their home opener!

The Raiders (-6 ½) were the only team in the West Division to win will be traveling to Indianapolis to play a tough Colts team. The Raiders defense came up big holding the Chargers to 255 total yards and scoreless until the final minutes of the game. This week the Raiders will need to score some points against Peyton Manning and Co.

Last week I lost two picks (49ers +7 and Raiders –7) but I did manage to salvage the Monday night game (Denver +7). This week I like the Tamp Bay Bucs (-7) over the Chicago Bears and Redskins (-5) over the Lions. On Monday night take the Patriots (+7) over the Jets.

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See ya next week!

River City Raiders Golden Empire League 2000 Varsity and J.V Football Schedule:

Date:	Team:	Place:
Aug. 31	Scrimmage	Home
Sep. 08	Natomas	Away
Sep. 15	Foothill	Away
Sep. 22	Calaveras	Home
Sep. 29	Center	Home
Oct. 06	Union Mine	Away
Oct. 13	Marysville	Home
Oct. 20	Lindhurst	Home
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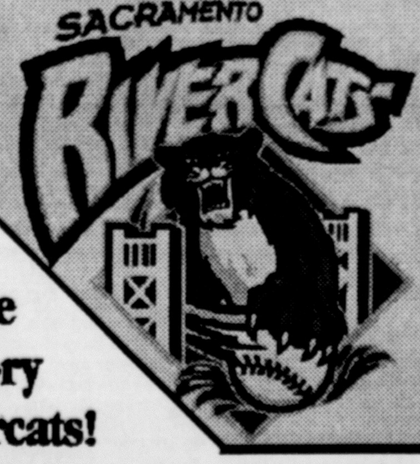
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4. True or false: The Notre Dame men's basketball team has never been to the NCAA Final Four.
5. How many times did Boston Bruins great Bobby Orr win the awards for regular season and playoff MVP in the same season?
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By Daryl Fisher
Features Editor

Cathy Freitas was born and raised in Fort Worth, Texas.

"I really enjoyed all the years I spent in Fort Worth," recalled Cathy. "The people there are very down-to-earth and a lot of fun to be with. But back when I was going to high school and junior college there, I can remember always having this strong urge to take off and head for California. It seemed like all kinds of exciting and interesting things were going on out there, and I wanted to be a part of it."

Before Cathy moved to California, and for a number of years after she arrived, she worked in the restaurant business.

"I guess I did just about everything you can do in the restaurant business," said Cathy, who also spent time in Alameda and Santa Cruz before finally ending up in Sacramento. "I was a hostess, a waitress, I tended bar and was also a manager. But as much as I liked the flexible hours and all the different responsibilities, I wanted to try something else and when I got the opportunity to work in the insurance industry, I jumped at it. A couple of my girlfriends were already in the insurance business, and with their encouragement and the help of a Farmers Insurance district manager, who offered me my own agency, I decided to radically change my life and I've never regretted it."

After attending school to learn how to run her own Farmers Insurance agency and turning it into the successful business it is today, Cathy soon discovered that the insurance business is full of interesting little surprises.

"To begin with," said Cathy, "I was really pleased that so much of my time was spent interacting with interesting people from all walks of life. Plus one day my husband-to-be (life-long West Sacramento resident Scotty Freitas, Jr.) strolled right through the front door and the poor guy didn't even know what hit him. Now we have two wonderful children, Jessica and Michael, and in a very real sense, it all happened because I decided to go into the insurance business."



CATHY FREITAS

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Longtime West Sacramento resident Betty Frederickson is also insured by the Cathy Freitas Insurance Agency and she said, "Cathy truly goes out of her way to help her customers. When my grandson totalled our pickup, she was right on top of everything and I can't tell you how much I appreciated all she did for us. She's very friendly and treats her clients as friends, not just numbers. Another great thing about Cathy's agency is her wonderful office manager, Donna, who really knows what's going on and is always extremely helpful. I couldn't be more pleased with the way Cathy has met our insurance needs."

When Cathy isn't busy selling insurance and quickly responding to her clients needs, she likes to spend as much time as possible with her family.

"I'm also trying to devote some of my time to getting more involved with our local schools," said Cathy, who is currently the vice president of the Southport Elementary School PTA. "When you have a first grader and a third grader like we do, you want to do everything you can to make sure that in the future there's going to be a quality middle school and high school for them to attend. I think it's very important for parents to get involved with their children's education."

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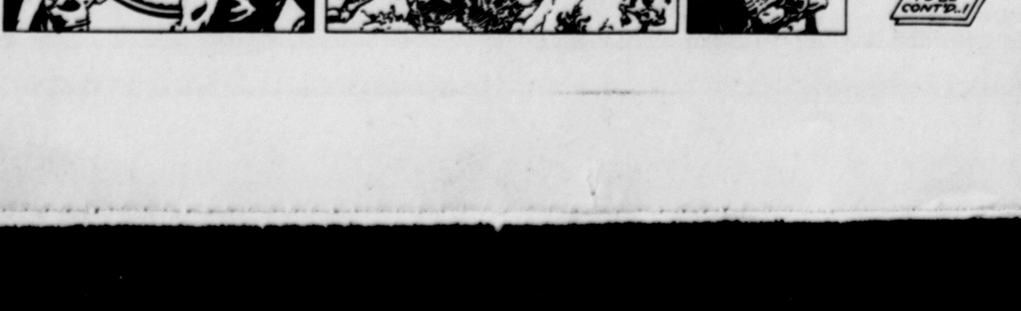


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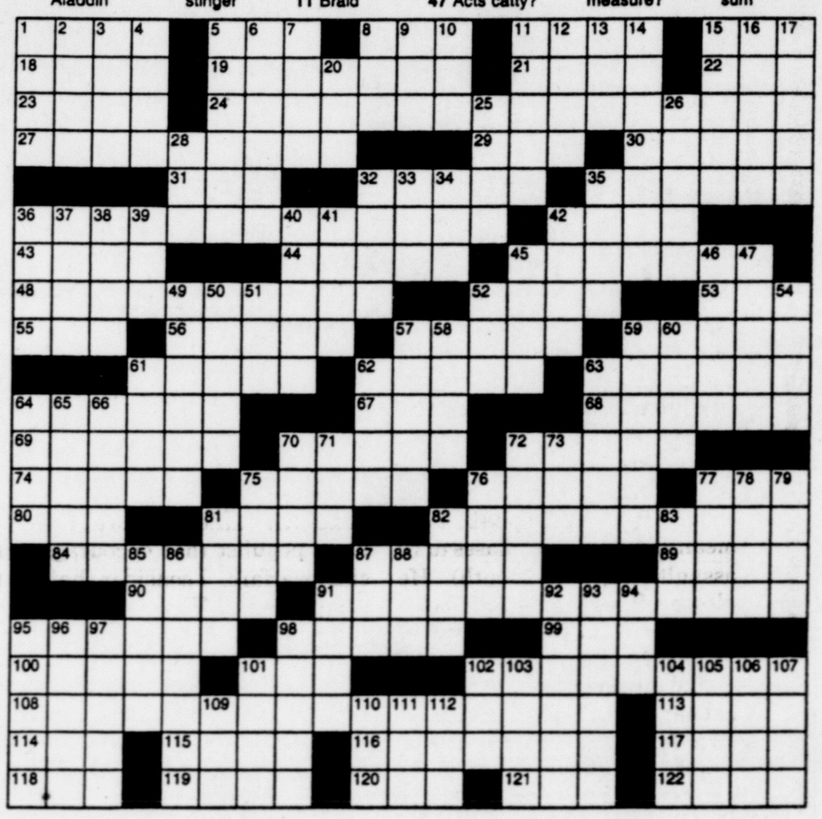


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67 Psychic Geller
68 Cruel treatment
69 Lacking principles
70 Savalas role
72 Fad
74 Mettle
75 "The Chosen" author
76 With 61 Down, "Jurassic Park" star
77 Swab
80 High rails
81 Obligation
82 California city
84 It's hardly aesthetic
87 Opportunity to overeat
89 One of the Osmonds
90 Summer stinger
91 Part 3 of remark
95 Dwell
98 Pansy part
99 Actress Munson
100 Modify
101 Part of MP
102 Uneven
108 End of remark
113 Cartoonist Goldberg
114 Menu phrase
115 Go down
116 Ruin
117 Tennis pro Nastase
118 — Aviv
119 Curtis of "Spartacus"
120 Oyster's home
121 Tofu base
122 Litigated

DOWN
1 To boot
2 Chicken —
3 Memo start
4 Within view
5 Dennis, for one
6 Solar —
7 Bee flat?
8 "— Duke" ('77 song)
9 Deciduous tree
10 2001, to Tiberius
11 Braid
12 Like a wet noodle
13 Diva Marton
14 He's got a lot of pull
15 Dewy
16 Dull
17 A great composer?
20 Cassidy or Koppel
25 Coal carrier
26 Restaurant freebie
28 "— the season . . ."
32 Sicilian smoker
33 Tai — (martial art)
34 Emulate Pinocchio
35 William of "Hopalong Cassidy"
36 Petite pest
37 "— Marleen" ('81 film)
38 Away from the wind
39 Gender
40 "Jude the Obscure" author
41 Spring flower
42 Deere thing
45 "— #1" ('61 hit)
46 Pianist Claudio
47 Acts catty?
49 Arctic jacket
50 Sherpa site
51 Singer Kiki
52 "Alice" spin-off
54 Eliot's "Adam —"
57 Ehud of Israel
58 Estrada or Satie
59 "Le Pere Goriot" author
60 Competent
61 See 76 Across
62 King canine
63 Pageant prop
64 Poirot's concern
65 Plentiful
66 Timid
70 Japanese port
71 Baseball's "Master Melvin"
72 Bel —
73 Furrow
75 Cop's target, for short
76 Glasgow girl
77 Saharan nation
78 Algerian seaport
79 Sudden pain
81 Health measure?
82 Comic Mort
83 — -di-dah
85 Basketball's Patrick
86 Most melancholy
87 Suitable
88 LAX letters
91 Put the metal to the metal
92 Rita of "The King and I"
93 Vigor
94 Playground game
95 Morocco's capital
96 Boxer Griffith
97 George of "Just Shoot Me"
98 Loony Lee
101 Flutist Herbie
102 Nobelist Andric
103 Journalist Jacob
104 "Armageddon" author
105 Berg opera
106 Rose lover?
107 Oliver of "Gladiator"
109 "Blame It on —" ('84 film)
110 Wheel part
111 Chemical ending
112 Find the sum



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Revisiting design guidelines for city's Washington area

Learning from their experience implementing design guidelines for Southport homebuilders, city officials will start taking another look at adjusting similar guidelines for its "Washington" area, said planning commissioner Jeff Henry.

"We're going to look at some of the problems we had with the Southport Framework Plan and the way some of the developers stuck to the 'low end,' and tighten up loose ends."

Henry and other commission members had been unhappy with some of the home designs springing up in Southport's new subdivisions. Builders ignored the spirit of some of the city's guidelines, the felt, and stuck with meeting the rules' minimum requirements.

The city also has a set of design guidelines in the "specific plan" for its Washington area near the I St. Bridge. Henry said a meeting next Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the West Sacramento Senior center is intended to get public input on whether any changes need to be made to those guidelines.

"It's to make sure we're not going to miss some opportunities," he said.

4-H from page one –

number of a club contact person, or with the date of the club's next meeting. Both indicated that the local chapter would soon announce its new leaders.

Meanwhile, Davis reiterated that the 4-H Club she helped to start in 1997 has indeed dissolved.

"That is not true," she said of Clement's comments. "The adults can only resign, but the youth who are the president, vice president and so forth, have the right to disband the club, and they did. If there is a new 4-H Club, it is not affiliated at all with the former 4-H Club," she said. "The kids disbanded the club."

Jane Kreidler, one of the two local women who brought the discrimination complaint against Davis, declined yesterday to talk to the *News-Ledger*.

The other parent originating the complaint, Denise Masuhara, has not been reached for comment.

They and other parents charged that Davis had excluded their families from some club activities based on their race or class. The university's investigation upheld their claims, although Davis said she felt the complaints stemmed from a personal issue with several club members and that the racism charges were unfounded.

SOUL

from page two:

Sense of solitude in West Sacramento's south is endangered by development

on the river. But what I remember most about Southport is that there has always been a lot of open space. As kids, it was a nearby place where we could go to escape from the city. Just a few miles and you felt like you were out in the middle of nowhere.

As development surrounds the small plots of land that are still being farmed, eventually the farmers will receive complaints about the dust they are creating, or the noise they are making, or the crops and equipment will start to get damaged and the farming will seem senseless, or neighborhoods will be built next to the horse corral and they will be asked to move.

When the inevitable happens one can only hope that some open land will remain and our last chance of having something unique will be preserved; a place that is close to the city, but has enough open space that horses can be ridden; where growing of small crops will be encouraged instead of discouraged; and where there will still be room for a kid to lose himself in a cornfield or sit and reflect about life in a grove of oak trees.

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Obituary —

Veronica Lynne Mobley

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Mrs. Mobley was the owner/administrator of Countryside Manor Residential Care Facility, a member of Colusa Mental Health Association, the Colusa Women's Club, the Pink Ladies Auxiliary and the Colusa Community Hospital.

"Lynne" had a unique way of making all those whose lives she touched feel special. Her caring and giving spirit will continue to inspire us all.

Family and friends held a Memorial Service at the Henrikson residence in West Sacramento on Thursday, August 31st. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the American Heart Association.

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Local Scene

Amphibious race

The second annual River Otter Amphibious Race, or ROAR, runs from Old Sacramento to West Sacramento's riverfront promenade on Sat., Sept. 16, beginning at 10 a.m. The cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento will again create entries to compete with each other for the Mayor's Cup. Entrants will traverse mud, water and sand during the amphibious race. The event is free to the public. For information on the event and its preceding pancake breakfast, call the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, 552-6808 ext. 105.

Pig feed

The Bryte Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9498, will host Pig Feed 2000 on Sat., Sept. 16 at 5:30 p.m., 1708 Lisbon Ave. Barbecued pig, salads, and trimmings will be available. A donation of $8 ($15 for two) benefits the building fund. Draft beer 75 cents.

Crab Feed

The Alzheimers Aid Society Crab Feed in memory of Joey Lopes will be held Sat., Nov. 18, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 1817 12th St., Sacramento. No-host cocktails at 6 p.m.; crab feed at 7 p.m. Music and dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. by Gilmete Sounds. Donations and raffle prizes also accepted. Call 371-3549.

Golden Years

The Golden Years Club of West Sacramento will host a pot luck dinner at the VFW Hall at 905 Drever St. at 6 p.m. on Sept. 19. Please bring your own service. The club is a social club for people age 50 and up, and sponsors dinners, trips and other activities. For membership information, call Betty Drumheller at 371-8479, or Eva Aceituno, 371-8126.

Food drive

Community Lutheran Church will continue its food drive with a neighborhood canvass. On Sept. 7, the church's youth group will deliver paper bags with attached instructions to houses near Stone Blvd. and the Little League park. Sunday afternoon, Sept. 10, church members will pick up bags of food left at the curb. Everyone is invited to a barbeque after church services Sun. 10 before going out to pick up the bags. All donations will be passed to the West Sacramento Resource Center's food closet. Donations will also be accepted at the church, 920 Drever St. Call 371-8804 for information.

Senior Spin

'Senior Spin,' the West Sacramento Senior Center's takeoff on the Wheel of Fortune, starts a new season on Charter Cable TV Channel 21 this month, repeating seven days a week at 6:30 p.m. and also Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Guest host is Gladys Neighbors, the show's original host beginning in 1995 for three years. New contestants are Mary Stump, Bill Lautenschlager and Manuel Islas. Jennie McNeil is "Vanna Banana."

Food & wine

The Yolo Land Trust will host its annual Yolo County food and wine event, "A Day in the Country," on Sept. 10 from 3-6 p.m. Music will be by Scott Stone and the Plainfield Pickers, with some of the region's best restaurants showcasing food and wine from local growers. $25/person or $40 per couple. Call (530) 795-3110.

VFW BBQ

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8762 at 905 Drever St. will host its annual barbecue picnic on Sat., Sept. 9 at 4 p.m. Dinner is chicken and ribs; donation is $6 per person. Call 371-7245 for information.

Parents group

Yolo Family Service Agency is sponsoring a "Parents Anonymous" group in Yolo County, meeting in Woodland on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Family Resource Center, 518 Main St., beginning Sept. 7. Parents will find a "safe, accepting, non-judgmental place" to talk about being a parent. No charge; feel free to drop in. Free childcare. Call (530) 662-9463 or 662-2211 ext. 22.

Recycling

The City of West Sacramento's Recycling Division is sponsoring "Greenwaste Days" during September and October. Bring your tree trimmings, wood, dirt, shrubs, pruning and leaves to Tower Court at West Capitol Ave. for free drop-off Sept. 9 and Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to noon. For information, call 373-5810.

Democrats

Bill Kristoff will speak to the West Sacramento Democratic Club on his bid for city council re-election, and Police Chief Gary Leonard will also be a guest, at the club meeting Tues., Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. at Margaret McDowell Manor, 1525 Merkley Ave. Also on the agenda is consideration of a "slate" of endorsements in local, state and national elections. The public is welcome. Call 371-4561 for information

OLG dinner

Our Lady of Grace school is holding its annual Sports Rigatoni Dinner on Fri., Sept. 8, at 6 p.m. at the parish hall. $7.50 for adults and $3.50 for children under 12. Call 371-9416.

Investment clubs

"Your Money and Your Life" is the title of a three-part program on investment and financial planning sponsored by the East Yolo Friends of the Library. Investment clubs will be the topic of the first program, to be held on Sat., Sept. 9 from 11 to 1:00 in the library community room, 1212 Merkley Ave.

Future topics will be the financial planning process and wills & trusts.

The events are free.

Catechism

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church is registering children for the 2000-2001 Catholic Catechism religious education classes. Kindergarten through eighth grade students are welcome. Classes are Tuesday evenings 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace School, 1990 Linden Rd., beginning Sept. 12. Call Barbara Longo, 371-4814, for information.

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"The Hinge Factor: How Chance and Stupidity Have Changed History" by Erik Durschmied.

"America's Top Military Careers: The Official Guide to Occupations in the Armed Forces" produced by U.S. Dept. of Defense (library use only).

"Double Victory: A Multicultural History of America in World War II" by Ron Takaki.

"Deadbeats: What Responsible Parents Need to Know About Collecting Child Support" by Simone Spence.

Fiction books by the following authors will also be arriving in September: Sandra Brown, Robert Tanenbaum, Sidney Sheldon, Robert B. Parker, Nancy Taylor Rosenberg, Sharyn McCrumb, and Jan Burke.

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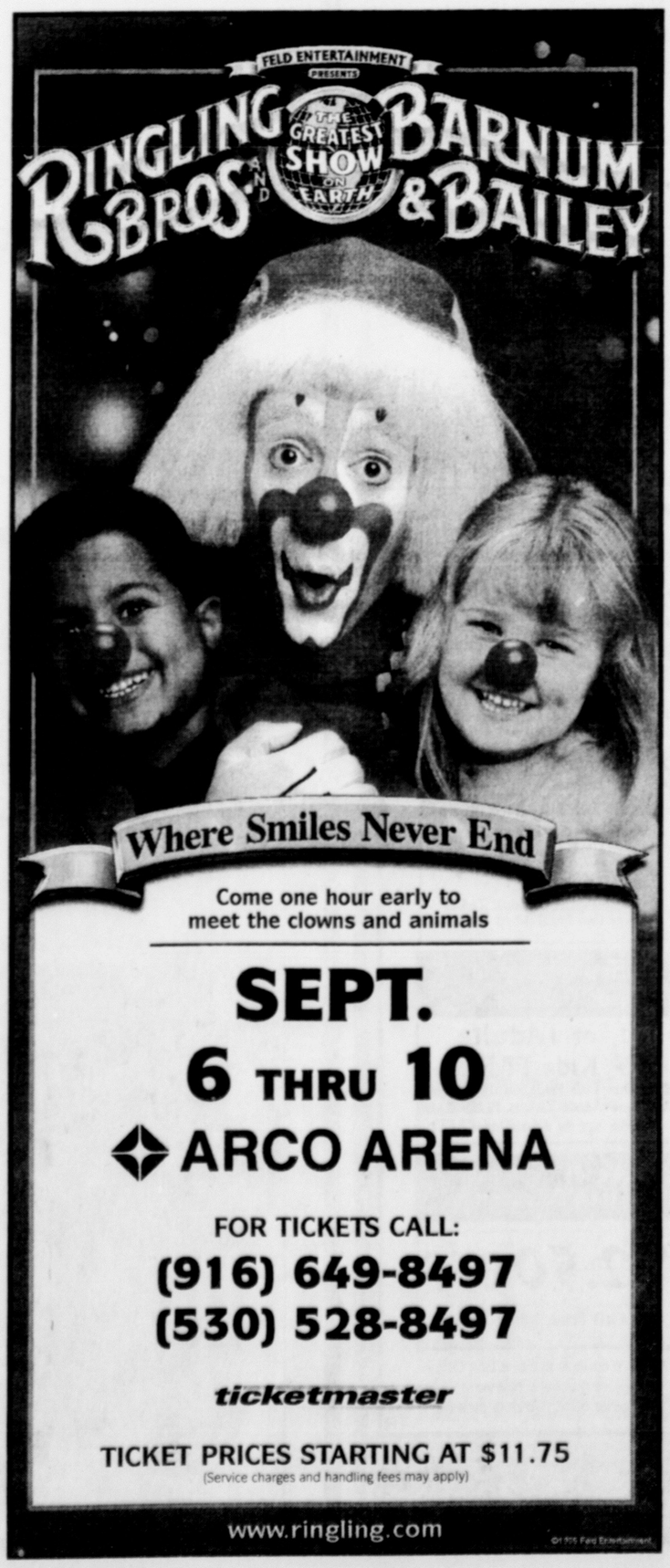
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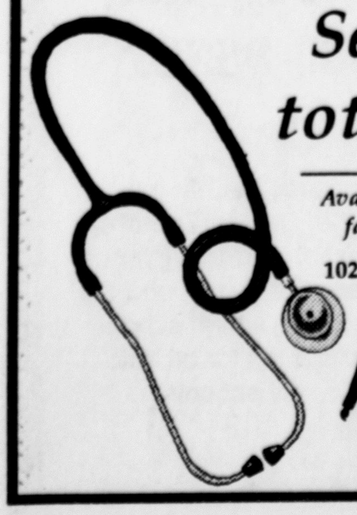
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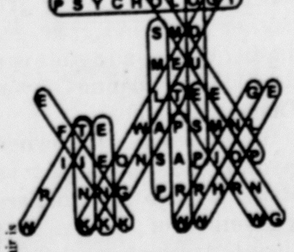


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